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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM GOHEEN

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SUBJ: PEACE CORPS IN INDIA

1. THE PEACE CORPS HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE EMBASSY BY LETTER THAT ONE OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES, WHILE PASSING THROUGH NEW DELHI IN LATE MAY, HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS REGARDING RESUMPTION OF A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN INDIA WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. THE EMBASSY WAS NOT CONSULTED REGARDING THESE DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED WITHIN THE PEACE CORPS TO ORGANIZE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN INDIA PRIOR TO AN EXPLORATORY VISIT BY A PEACE CORPS TEAM TO INDIA IN SEPTEMBER.

3. WHILE I GREATLY APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE THINKING OF THE PEACE COPRS ON THIS MATTER, I DEPLORE THE LACK OF CONSULTATION WHICH PRECEDED BOTH THE DISCUSSIONS IN DELHI AND THOSE PROPOSED FOR WASHINGTON. AS I'M SURE YOU AGREE, BOTH THE NATURE AND THE PHASING
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OF THE PROGRAMS WE RESUME WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT HERE MUST BE CAREFULLY ADJUSTED TO INDIAN NEEDS AND THE STILL DELICATE FABRIC OF OUR RELATIONS. I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR PEACE CORPS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AROUND THE WORLD AND FOR THE FINE AMERICANS WHO HAVE EMERGED FROM THE PEACE CORPS. I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT WE EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE RELEVANCE OF THE PEACE CORPS TO

INDIA. I BELIEVE THE PEACE CORPS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE
THAT MOVING TOO RAPIDLY AND INCAUTIOUSLY MAY SUBJECT IT
TO ATTACK IN INDIA AND MAY ENDANGER RESUMPTION OF ANY
PROGRAM HERE. THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN ONE LEFTIST ATTACK
RESULTING FROM WHAT I HAD THOUGHT WAS ONLY A RUMOR
ABOUT OUR EXPLORING RESUMPTION. I NOW DISCOVER THAT THE
ATTACK WAS PROMPTED BY SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC. I WOULD
PREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO THE
PEACE CORPS AND ASK THEM TO EXPLORE DIRECTLY WITH ME
THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT INDIA.
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